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Arab Ministers Statement

The PLO will announce a decision to remove its forces from Beirut with guarantees for this move and the safety of Palestinian camps to be worked out by the PLO and the Lebanese Government -- this agreement was announced in a statement, carried by SPA and read by Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi, released in Jidda by the ministerial committee of the Arab foreign ministers emergency conference following a 2-day meeting. The six-man committee, which included PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi, also called for adhering to the cease-fire; lifting the Beirut siege and withdrawing Israeli troops; safeguarding Beirut residents and Palestinian camps by the Lebanese Government; deploying international forces to secure the area; and working to implement UN Resolutions 508 and 509. According to Voice of Lebanon radio, a disagreement between the Lebanese and Palestinian delegations precluded the holding of a committee session on the Lebanon situation.

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's political adviser Hani al-Hasan told reporters after he met with former Lebanese President Sa'ib Salam that the agreement signed in Jidda is no change from what was already agreed to by the PLO and the Lebanese Government, Beirut radio noted.

Israeli sources regard this Arab League announcement as meeting Israel's demands for the removal of PLO forces from Beirut, Jerusalem radio reported.

Lebanon

PLO Position, Meetings Held -- U.S. envoy Philip Habib has received an aide memoire signed by Palestinians but further details are unknown, "well-informed" sources cited by Beirut radio reported. Former Lebanese Prime Minister Sa'ib Salam reaffirmed the PLO's desire to leave Beirut after he met with U.S. envoy Habib and PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, Voice of Lebanon reported. On the other hand, Monte Carlo radio said Fatah Central Committee Member Salah Khalaf told journalists that Habib's recent tour has not helped the situation, and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Secretary General George Habash said, according to Voice of Lebanon, that Habib is concerned with where to send the PLO while he is concerned with reorganizing its presence in Lebanon.

Al-Wazzan met with PLO leaders including 'Arafat to discuss the Beirut situation and the Arab League statement released in Jidda; afterwards they all met with National Movement leader Walid Junblatt, Beirut radio reported.

Military Situation -- Despite the current cease-fire, "terrorists" fired shells in the Beirut airport area and IDF units were fired on in the eastern sector of Lebanon near 'Ammi, according to ITIM reports. Except for intermittent firing in Beirut, "noticeable calm" prevailed in the evening of 29 July, Voice of Lebanon reported.

Begin Remarks -- In answer to a question by a Knesset member, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said that Israel should not initiate a disengagement of its forces in Lebanon at the present time, IDF radio reported.

Egypt

AL-AKHBAR criticized statements on Lebanon made by U.S. President Ronald Reagan at a press conference, MENA reported. Instead of simply calling for the departure of the PLO from Beirut, the paper said, the United States should change its policy and deal with the Palestinian problem.

Iran-Iraq War

Military Situation -- An Iraqi Armed Forces communique carried by Baghdad radio said that at the beginning of the latest Iranian offensive near Basra, the Iranians penetrated a 4-km wide and 7-km deep area before their forces were contained and destroyed. The communique added that on one axis alone 850 Iranians died; while a later radio report claimed that 1,100 more had died and that 12 tanks had been destroyed. An Iranian military communique carried by Tehran radio claimed its forces had liberated a 150-km area in Iraq and took over Iraqi defensive positions. The communique conceded the Iraqis had mounted a counteroffensive; however, this "desperate attempt" had been thwarted and -- so far the Iranians had destroyed 125 tanks and personnel carriers, capturing 31 intact -- and moved 114 POW's to the rear.

Velayati, Hashemi-Rafsanjani Comments -- Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati said in an interview reported by Tehran radio that Iran's conditions for ending the war have not changed since the war began, and that all conditions must be met before peace is established. He warned that if Iraq continues to bomb Iranian residential areas, Iran will be justified in attacking any "sensitive spot" in Iraq. He also stated that in the current situation, holding the nonaligned conference in Baghdad seems unlikely. This point was also made by Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani who, in statements cited by IRNA, said Baghdad is not a safe place. Hashemi-Rafsanjani noted that Iran has advanced as far into Iraq as it plans, and that Iran will not hit Iraqi cities.

OAU Conference

APS reported that the OAU ministerial meeting scheduled to begin in Tripoli was postponed "indefinitely"; KUNA reported that Tunisia plans to host the OAU summit if Libya fails to secure the necessary quorum to hold the conference in Tripoli on 5 August.

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SOVIET TROOPS 'PUNISHING' VILLAGERS IN LOWGAR

FM2911l7 Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 27 Jul 82 p 3

[Eva Hernback report: "The Soviet Union is Destroying Whole Villages"]

[Excerpt] In a large valley in Lowgar Province, immediately south of the capital of Kabul, six Afghan villages have recently been destroyed, razed to the ground. The six villages that no longer exist were called (Muhammad Agha, Baraki, Sajawond, Ab-Dara, Barak) and (Pad-Khab).

Reports speak of 2,000 civilian villagers and 200 armed resistance fighters killed. There are no figures for the numbers wounded. The attack came completely without warning, which is the reason why so many people died.

The report comes from Afghan exile organizations in the city of Peshawar, in neighboring Pakistan. A team of French doctors is making its way to the area and will eventually be able to report what they have seen.

Carl Schonmeyr, vice chairman of the Swedish Afghanistan Committee and an official with SIDA [Swedish International Development Authority] by profession, has just returned from Peshawar, where people he knows well and trusts told him of the major Soviet attack in Lowgar Province around 3 weeks ago.

Schonmeyr lived and worked in Afghanistan for 3 years as a UNICEF official. He has also worked in Pakistan. He has a passable knowledge of the local language, Dari.

The reports he has had of the attack on the villages in Lowgar are indicative of new military tactics on the part of the Russians, he said. They are now destroying whole villages as punishment for the civilian population's support for Muslim guerrillas. He estimated the population of the villages affected at between 5,000 and 10,000 each.

"The attack happened like this," Carl Schonmeyr said. "Units approached the valley from three directions -- from Kabul in the north and from Ghazni and Gardez in the south. First, the villages were bombed by MiG's and the population was fired upon by helicopters. After the bombing the troops moved in, mixed units, that is, Russian and Afghan Government units.

"First came the Afghan troops, behind them the Soviets, so the Afghans could not retreat. The Afghan soldiers shot at everything left alive in the villages -- people, mules, chickens ....Then they plundered and destroyed what was left of value, burned the fields and demolished the underground irrigation system that makes agriculture possible in the sweltering climate. This means the villages will be uninhabitable for a long time to come."

The reason for the attack on the villages in Lowgar is to be found in the constant guerrilla attacks on the strategically important stretch of road between Kabul and Qandahar. The road is vital. It is part of a major highway that crosses the whole country, and it is no longer secure for Afghan Government and Soviet occupation forces.

Carl Schonmeyr was in Peshawar as a representative of the Swedish Afghanistan Committee. He was seeking contact with Afghan organizations that could be possible channels for Swedish aid to Afghanistan. The committee has collected money for this end but is also preparing a request for economic assistance from SIDA, the Foreign Ministry and the Swedish Red Cross.

SECURITY FORCES 'PUNISH' COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES

LD291842 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] The heroic fight of the officers and troops of the Balkh 18th Division has resulted in the crushing of bands of rebels, counterrevolutionaries who for some time have endangered the peaceful and normal life of the toiling people of Sholgara District, Balkh Province, and the Sar-e Pol and Hesarak Districts, Qonduz Province. About 58 of them were arrested.

A spokesman for the Balkh Province security force said a ringleader of these murderers named (Bahador), who lives in Sholgara District, and another [words indistinct] named (Ghiasoddin) are included in those arrested.

The spokesman added that 80 assorted U.S., Chinese and Egyptian weapons, 3,400 rounds of ammunition, 15 antitank mines and 15 [word indistinct] were seized from these criminals.

According to another report, security forces have recently punished for their inhumane actions a band of counterrevolutionary elements led by (Abdol Ahmad) and (Fazl Ahmad), who were crushed.

A spokesman for Qonduz Province security forces reported that 100 (?antitank) mines, assorted weapons and propaganda leaflets were seized from these people who have betrayed the people, homeland and revolution.

BAKHTAR REPORTS CLASHES BETWEEN 'BANDIT' GROUPS

LD300552 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0425 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Kabul, July 29, (BAKHTAR) -- Reports coming from across the border indicate that severe clashes took place between the ringleaders of the Afghan bandits at emigre camps situated in Ghalza Mangal two weeks ago. The cause of the clashes were deep differences over the division ammunitions, commodities, foodstuffs as well as embezzlement of funds by the ringleaders of the Afghan bandits. As a result of these clashes six persons from the two clashing sides were killed and a great number of them were wounded. Afghan fugitives say that the ammunitions, goods and commodities which are being given to Afghan counterrevolution by the reactionary and imperialist forces are being embezzled by the leaders of the Afghan bandits for indulging in debauchery.

BRIEFS

TADZHIK SCIENCE OFFICIAL ARRIVES -- Kabul, July 28, BAKHTAR -- Mohammed Asemi, president of the Academy of Sciences of Soviet Tadzhikistan, arrived here for an official friendly visit at the invitation of the Academy of Sciences of the DRA today. During his stay in Afghanistan he will discuss and exchange views with Afghan authorities on expansion of academic cooperation between the two sides. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 29 Jul 82 LD]

GDR ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS -- Kabul, July 25, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, received today the credentials of Kurt Krueger, the new ambassador of the GDR and the DRA. [as received] Present at the ceremony were also Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affair of the DRA; Anwar Farzam, secretary of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council; Sakhindaneshjo, deputy minister of foreign affairs; and members of the Embassy of GDR in Kabul. The new ambassador, born in 1925, is holder of the Patriotic Order of Merit in bronze and silver and of other state and social awards. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0422 GMT 26 Jul 82 LD]

INTERIOR MINISTER COMMENTS ON KHALISTAN MOVEMENT

BK300241 Hong Kong AFP in English 1300 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] New Delhi, July 29 (AFP) -- Interior Minister Ramaswamy Venkataraman today warned the "Khalistan" (Sikh homeland) activists that the government would suppress their secessionist movement in the Punjab. He added that every effort would be made to solve the community's religious and other grievances.

He described the situation in the predominantly Sikh state, which lies on the border with Pakistan, as "difficult" but thought it was not as explosive as sometimes suggested. The minister also dismissed the claim by Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan, an important Khalistan activist, in London on Wednesday who allegedly said that his movement was not receiving any financial help from outside India. Mr. Venkataraman said the government was making its own inquiries.

He disputed Dr Chauhan's claim that two countries had agreed to recognise and sponsor observer status for Khalistan in the U.N. "We do not think there is any country in either bloc or among the nonaligned nations who will be so disposed towards recognising this splinter group."

Opposition deputies drew the government's attention to reports from London that Dr. Chauhan and some of his associates had burned the Indian national flag and trampled it underfoot. Mr Venkataraman said preliminary reports suggested the incendiarist's Indian passport had been impounded. "This man is not entitled to any kind of assistance from India. In fact, he has forfeited his right to be an Indian citizen."

The debate took place against a background of continued tension in Punjab, involving Sikhs and Hindus.

The situation in Punjab took a dramatic turn in September 1981 with the murder of a veteran nationalist Hindu leader and journalist, Lala Jagat Narain, by unknown assailants. This was followed closely by the hijacking of an Indian Airlines flight to Pakistan by five Sikh youths belonging to the since outlawed pro-Khalistan "Dal Khalsa."

Since then there have been reports of violence in the Punjab between Hindus and Sikhs stemming from attempts to desecrate Hindu temples.

According to press reports about 200 to 300 people were killed in the state in communal violence in the past year.

Mr Venkataraman said steps were being taken to prevent such incidents but severe action was difficult because religion was involved. He stressed that the government had no intention of interfering with the religious affairs of India's approximately 12-million-strong Sikh community.

MANIPUR GOVERNOR DISMISSES THREE MINISTERS

BK201408 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Three Manipur ministers were dismissed today by Governor Burney on the advice of Chief Minister Rishang Keishing. They are K. Radhabinod Singh, Holkholet Khongsa and Lokhan Singh. Earlier, the chief minister called on the governor and recommended the dismissal of the ministers following their refusal to resign.

DEVI LAL EXPELLED FROM LOK DAL FOR 6 YEARS

BK291016 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Devi Lal has been expelled from the Lok Dal for 6 years. The action has been taken by party President Charan Singh on three specific charges on antiparty activities.

In a statement issued in New Delhi today, Charan Singh said that Devi Lal -- along with his son Om Prakash -- who is also the president of the Haryana State Kisan Sammelan [farmers organization], had actively worked for the defeat of 16 Lok Dal candidates in the recent elections fo the Haryana assembly. Devi Lal's conduct in manhandling the Haryana governor in Chandigarh is derogatory for any public man and particularly for one who had been the chief minister of a state.

Charan Singh said that the action of Devi Lal has denigrated the party in the eyes of the people. Charan Singh also charged Devi Lal with publicly condemning the party president recently through a newspaper statement.

When approached by newsmen for his comments, Devi Lal expressed surprise at his expulsion from the party. He said he has not heard anything from Charan Singh.

FORMER MINISTER TO BE PROSECUTED FOR CORRUPTION

BK291640 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Maharashtra Governor I.H. Latif has given his sanction to prosecute the former chief minister, A.R. Antulay. News agencies quoting Raj Bhavan [Governor House] press note issued today say that the sanction has been given under Section 6 of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 197 of Criminal Penal Code. The press note said that the governor's sanction relates to the donations made by various builders to the trust floated by Antulay for allotment of cement and one case of grant of no-objection certificate for construction. It also relates to one case of allocation of alcohol for the manufacture of liquor outside Maharashtra. Following this, Antulay has resigned from the chairmanship of the Maharashtra state irrigation corporation.

FAST BREEDER REACTOR TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 1983

BK290957 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] India's first plutonium-based fast breeder test reactor at Kalpakkam, near Madras, is expected to commence operation next year. Minister of State for Science and Technology C.P.N. Singh told the Rajya Sabha that the reactor will have a normal thermal output of 42.5 megawatts and electrical power output of about 15 megawatts. The project cost is estimated at about 700 million rupees.

MADRAS HEAVY WATER SUPPLY BEING BUILT UP

BK280843 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 28 Jul 82

[Text] Adequate stock of heavy water is being built up indigenously to meet the initial requirement of the newly setup first unit of the Madras atomic power station. The initial requirement is 250 tons. The Lok Sabha was informed today that there will be no dependence on heavy water in the later stages. It was further stated that the proven resources of natural uranium are adequate for the current nuclear power program.

SRI LANKA

GOVERNMENT DECLARES NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY

BK3010020 Hong Kong AFP in English 1013 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Colombo, July 30 (AFP) -- The government has declared an immediate countrywide emergency and imposed press censorship following incidents of violence and arson in the southern city of Galle, 115 kilometres from here, Defence Ministry sources said today.

A clash between a landlord and tenant in Galle 4 days ago led to two deaths and 10 cases of arson and attacks on houses and shops, a Defence Ministry statement this afternoon said. The clash snowballed into racial disturbances between Sinhalas and Moslems, informed sources said.

About 65 people were injured and hospitalised, the sources said, adding that about 70 people have been arrested.

The Defence Ministry statement said that the situation had been brought under control, but that as there was evidence that people were attempting to make use of the situation to escalate a local incident to other parts of the country to create disruption and communal animosity and unrest, the emergency had been declared.

This was to protect law abiding people in the country, the Defence Ministry said.

A curfew has been imposed on the Galle municipality area from 1900 today to 0500 tomorrow, the statement said.

SRI LANKA, USSR SIGN TRAINING PROTOCOL 26 JULY

BK2711138 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Text] A protocol for the training of Sri Lankans in the Soviet Union was signed in Colombo yesterday. This will enable the increasing number of Sri Lankans to study in the Soviet Union at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. At undergraduate level, training will be provided to 305 students. The number to be given postgraduate training will be 125.

The 14 articles of the protocol deal with the numbers to be sent for training, the conditions that Sri Lankan students must satisfy before being admitted to Soviet institutions and the kind of courses they will be admitted to. This protocol will not apply to those who will be selected for studies at the Lumumba University.

Secretary of Ministry of Higher Education Professor Kalpage said that another protocol for reciprocal admission of Soviet and Sri Lankan (?students) will be signed in the near future.

The Soviet ambassador, who signed yesterday's agreement on behalf of his government, said that his country will always provide assistance to developing countries for their economic development.

BRIEFS

FRG-AIDED TRANSMITTING STATION -- The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation's [SLBC] transmitting station serving listener on medium wave was opened on 17 July at Mahayayagame by Minister of State Anandatissa De Alwis. The transmitting station, opened on 17 July, is the 22d of such stations being put up by SLBC with FRG assistance since 1967. Three more stations are to be opened under this program at Ratnapura, Ambawala and Kantalai before the end of 1982. [Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 18 Jul 82 BK]

RAFSANJANI: IRAN NOT TO HIT IRAQI CITIES

LD291150 Tehran IRNA in English 0939 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, 29 July (IRNA) -- We have nothing to do with Iraqi people, we will not hit Iraqi cities but will capture vital Iraqi centres and destroy their forces, said Majlis Speaker and Imam's representative in the Supreme Defence Council at the end of the Wenesday night's council session.

Referring to the point that Baghdad was not a safe place, Rafsanjani said that when Saddam's forces bombed Iranian cities it was found necessary to have some operations in Baghdad to show the world's people and the Ba'thists that Baghdad was also within Iran's war operation area. He stressed that Iranian combatants would not stop operations until the restoration of their legitimate rights adding that sometimes one could suffice to less than Baghdad. [sentence as received]

Commenting on imperialist propaganda, the Majlis speaker said that Western people were unable to understand Iran's achievements. For a while they propagated that Iran was an aggressor infiltrating inside Iraqi territory, and frightened the Persian Gulf countries, Jordan and the Zionist regime. Now they claimed that Iran had returned to its border, he added.

Rafsanjani stated that Iran had advanced inside Iraq as much (?as) it planned and had stopped at the point it had decided. Islamic combatants had also destroyed parts of the Iraqi forces, he added.

Concerning the present condition of the Iraqi regime, Rafsanjani said that it was in its most unstable position at the moment. It was Iran which made decisions regarding the situation in the region and interests of the Islamic Republic and people of the region. Nobody yet knew whether Iran would go to Basra or not and even the Ba'thists did not know it and were waiting for future events. The imam's representative in the Supreme Defence Council added that if the Iraqi Ba'thists surrendered as soon as possible and abided with Iran's legitimate rights not only Iraq's debts would be lessened but Saddam's punishments would become lighter.

Referring to Saddam's statements that in case he faced with [as received] bottleneck he would use "determining weapons" against the Islamic Republic of Iran, Rafsanjani said [word indistinct] as it was understood Saddam's weapon was bombing defenceless people and residential areas. But, he added due to close (?connections) between Saddam and the superpowers, he might have some sophisticated weapons. The Majlis speaker stressed that there would be no weapon in the world that Saddam could use to dissuade Iran from the path it was taking.

The next question was that when Iran started its operations outside its borders, Western mass media attempted to convince world's people, particularly regional countries, that the victory of the Islamic forces was a danger for the Persian Gulf countries and the issue would not end with Saddam's fall. In reply Rafsanjani said that as the Imam had stated, the victory of the Islamic forces would not threaten regional countries and Iran would never invade small countries. If Iraq had not violated Iranian territory, this war would not happen, he noted.

About the anxiety of Western countries of Saddam's fall, he said that Western countries had great interests in Iraq and the final victory of Iran would curtail their hands from the region. Therefore they consider Iran a serious obstacle. Concerning the hesitation of heads of non-aligned countries on the formation of the movement's conference in Baghdad, the Majlis speaker said that Baghdad was not a safe place for the venue of the summit conference, and would also lessen the movement's prestige.

Referring to the U.S. proposal for a joint maneuver in the region, not welcomed by the regional states, he said that the U.S. intended to create fear, but it seemed that the Persian Gulf countries had taken a good lesson from the past.

Speaking on the mediation of Algeria, he said that Iran had not asked Algeria for mediation but they were willing to try for the establishment of peace. Iran had taken any peaceful hand since the outbreak of the imposed war. Iran had set its conditions and had not changed it. He added that the issue was brought up 20 months ago in his tour to Algeria where he had outlined Iran's conditions.

RAFSANJANI: ALGERIAN MEDIATION NOT NEEDED

LD282106 Tehran IRNA in English 1944 GMT 28 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, July 28, IRNA -- (?In a) talk to reporters after his meeting with Imam Khomeyni today, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Majlis and the Imam's representative in the Supreme Defence Council, said that although the Algerian officials had offered to assume a mediating role between Iran and Iraq, the Islamic Republic had made it clear that it needed no mediator since its demands from the Iraqi aggressors had not changed. Rafsanjani said that, during the visit of the Iranian prime minister to Algeria recently, Mr Musavi had explicitly told the Algerians that Iran would not object to Algeria taking the role as a mediator, similar to former good will missions of the U.N., and the Non-aligned Movement, among others, but also he said that the Islamic Republic "will not appoint anyone as a mediator."

He said further that the demands of the Muslim people of Iran were clear: the unconditional withdrawal of the Iraqi aggressors, the payment of reparations, the punishment of Iraq as the aggressor, the return of Iraqi refugees to their homeland, and making available a land route through Iraq to fight the Zionists, among others.

Concerning the Iraqi aggressors, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani said that Iran had warned the Iraqis that Iran was serious about getting its full rights from the Iraqis. He added that Iran had warned the Iraqis prior to the Bayt al-Moqaddas Operation (which led to the liberation of southern border territories of Iran, including the port city of Khorramshahr) that it would go as far as to enter Iraqi territory if Iraq would not accept Iran's just demands. The Majlis speaker then said that Iraq again had a chance to "pay good attention" because, he added, "every step we take (against Iraq) we will suffer damages and Iraq will suffer damages and we do not want it to be like this... We will take the next steps...we will go as far as to get our rights and if they give us our rights now, we will return (from Iraqi territory), and if they don't give us (our rights) then we will go to Baghdad and get them there...."

VELAYATI INTERVIEWED ON IRAQI WAR, LEBANON

LD291918 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Excerpts] The foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran this afternoon, in an exclusive interview with a Central News Unit correspondent, described the rightful stances of the Islamic Republic of Iran for ending the war imposed by Iraq on Iran, and commented on the forthcoming conference of the heads of the Nonaligned Movement in Baghdad and its change of venue and comments made by some U.S. officials concerning the condition of the oppressed people of Palestine.

In connection with the Islamic combatants, victories and adverse propaganda by Western imperialist and Zionist mass media regarding changes in the conditions set by the Islamic Republic of Iran for ending the war imposed by Iraq on Iran and the possibility of mediation by some countries to establish peace, Mr Velayati said:

[Begin recording] [Velayati] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Since the victory of Iran's Islamic revolution, our enemies have employed all their resources to weaken the system in Iran. Among the weapons they have constantly used, in a cowardly manner, are the news and the mass media, which are completely controlled by the world powers and major powers.

Recently [Prime Minister] Musavi went to Algeria on the invitation of Algerian Prime Minister Abdelghani. On the eve of his trip propaganda started against it and the world mass media reflected that he was traveling to that country because of mediation by Algeria between Iran and Iraq. In a press conference on the eve of the trip he strongly refuted this [words indistinct] after Musavi had concluded his trip -- which in our view, the viewpoint of expanding relations between the two Muslim countries was successful -- the propaganda against that trip continued [words indistinct].

Another accusation made against us -- which is absolutely untrue -- is that we have amended our conditions. This primarily shows that they want our conditions to be changed or amended. As I have said, Musavi's main purpose was in connection with issues relating to the two countries and was to expand relations between them. Algeria gave notice about the possibility of mediation. Musavi said our trend since the outset of the war has been such that if people, countries or organizations wished to mediate and if they have good intentions we would welcome it, particularly if this were done by a friendly country like Algeria. He continued and concluded his trip on that basis. He also stressed this point in his later press conferences. Hashemi-Rafsanjani also referred to the same point yesterday. We now declare that our conditions are the same as they were at the outset of the war, that we have not altered them in any way. All of our conditions must be satisfied before peace can be established, otherwise the war will continue until all our conditions are met.

[Question indistinct]

[Answer] Considering the fact that the war between us and Iraq still continues because of Saddam's arrogance and continues [words indistinct] we think it unlikely that the conference could be successfully held in Baghdad. As you know, recently the fast and powerful planes of the Islamic Republic of Iran attacked Baghdad and bombarded Baghdad's refinery. This showed that the Ba'thists' strongest fortress is not invincible, that our forces can easily bomb it whenever they want. We declare and warn that if the bombardment of our residential areas by the Ba'thist invaders continues, we will consider ourselves justified in attacking any sensitive spot in Iraq, or in Baghdad, and in razing Iraq's sensitive economic and military areas in retaliation for such inhuman attacks. Under the circumstances that no place in Iraq is safe and considering the fact that nations and governments have gradually become aware of the Zionist nature of the Ba'thist regime of Iraq, it is unlikely that the conference will be held in Baghdad; and if it is held there, we think most of the nonaligned heads will not attend. [end recording]

IRNA Report

LD301040 Tehran IRNA in English 0909 GMT 30 Jul 82

["Velayati on Weinberger, Iraqi War, Lebanon Crisis" -- IRNA headline]

[Text] Tehran, July 29 IRNA -- Foreign Minister Velayati said today that the dominant culture the U.S. military was the same as that of the cowboys and that the U.S. officials imagined that the whole world was the United States of the 18th Century and that they could tyranise the people anywhere they wished.

To the Wednesday statements of the U.S. defense minister [as received] Caspar Weinberger, he had insulted the leadership of the Islamic Republic and had referred to the Islamic Republic as a great danger to the region's reactionary regimes as well as to the Zionist regime. Velayati warned him that the Muslim nation of Iran enjoys a several thousand year old rich culture as well as the most powerful and modern ideology, namely Islam. He added that the most simple Iranian villagers regard those like you (Weinberger) as modern brutes who under the shelter of technology are serving arrogants who have appeared under the guise of human beings.

Confirming this blatant confession of the Pentagon head about the spread of the Islamic revolution and that the Islamic Republic had endangered the integrity of the Zionist regime, the foreign minister said that the people of the region had witnessed so many invaders during the history and that the usurper regime of Jerusalem or in other words the new barbarians would not be the first or the last adding that they were all annihilated in the long run. The Zionists too would have a similar fate, he said.

Denying any alleged leniency from Iran in its conditions to end the Iraqi imposed war, Dr. Velayati said that the Islamic Republic was firm on its rightful demands and that there was not the slightest change in the preannounced conditions.

Regarding the gradual recognition by the nonaligned members of the real nature of the Zionist-inspired Iraqi regime and their refusal to participate in the seventh non-aligned summit meeting (due to be held in Baghdad), Dr. Velayati said that the war still continued due to Saddam's obstinacy and it was unlikely that this conference would be held in a high and successful level in Baghdad. The foreign minister continued that the recent attack of Iranian fighters on Baghdad and the bombardment of the Ad-Durah refinery (near the Iraqi capital) showed how vulnerable were the most "secure" centres of the Iraqi Government. "I think it is our right to hit and raze sensitive economic and military targets in any part of Iraq, retaliating the gombardment of our residential areas." Therefore, in the light of the fact that nowhere was secure in Iraq, and since the governments were further realising the true nature of Saddam, it was unlikely that the non-aligned conference would be held and even if this happened most of heads of the member countries would not attend it.

Referring to the Zionist aggression upon Lebanon and the possibility of recognition of the Zionist regime by some PLO wings, Dr. Velayati said that one of the dimensions of this attack was to let the compromisers free to impose compromising solutions in the Middle East region.

Talking about the publication of contradictory reports by the news, imperialism aimed at weakening the morale of Palestinian combatants, Dr. Velayati said that the Islamic Republic was against any compromise or surrendering solutions in Lebanon and believed that those who thought they could make the Zionist regime more lenient through those ways were all mistaken.

Foreign Minister Velayati further added that the Zionist regime should be resisted decisively the same as the Iraqi aggressors and that they should be treated in the way they were familiar with, that is, the use of force.

In conclusion, Dr. Velayati referred to the detention of four Iranian diplomats by the rightist forces in Lebanon and said that the Lebanese Government was responsible for the safety of the Iranian diplomats, and Iran asked the Lebanese Government not to avoid taking measures needed for their liberation, according to the Vienna Convention.

AD-DA'WAH PARTY URGES IRAQIS TO TOPPLE HUSAYN

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[Report on statement issued by Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party -- date not given -- read by announcer]

[Text] Addressing the Muslim Iraqi people, the Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party referred to suppression, deprivation, prisons, torture, confiscation of money and freedom, in addition to other ugly crimes which the Saddamist regime has committed against the Iraqi people during the 14 years of its black rule. It also referred to this regime's perfidious aggression against Islamic Iran and its desecration of the land of Islam with the ugly [behavior] of its mercenary troops. It also praised the honorable and heroic events of the Iraqi people in the 1920's revolution and the expulsion of the army of old imperialism, of criminal Britain, from Iraq. It called on the zealous Iraqis not to let the agent of the Britons and Americans, Saddam and his infidel clique, escape from their firm fist.

The Ad-Da'wah Islamic Party addressed the oppressed Iraqi people: Today is yours, the hour is yours and the time for revenge has come. Do not let the deformed coward escape from your hands because all peoples of the area demand revenge against him, and not the Iraqi people. His corrupt regime is on the verge of collapse and it needs someone to topple it.

The party continued its address to the Iraqi people: O our suppressed people, God has granted you this unique opportunity. Make use of it. Do not let it go. The great imam of the nation, Khomeyni, has eloquently asked you to arise and revolt against the one who committed injustice against you and violated your values so that you can avenge the martyrs who fell at the hands of this agent torturer.

Concluding, the Ad-Da'wah Party indicated that the vanguards of the Iraqi people are fully ready to respond to the call of the imam, the leader and most obedient imam, Khomeyni, and to struggle on his order on the road of God in order to realize the Iraqi people's aspirations for freedom, independence and implementation of God's justice.

COMMUNIQUES RECOUNT FIGHTING AGAINST IRAQ

Joint Communique 11

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[Joint Communique No 11 of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressors. Kill them and fight against them until no sedition is left and the religion of God is fully established. [Koranic verse]

Brave warriors of Islam: O you combatants deployed in trenches seeking justice, may your battle be victorious. May your steps be steadfast. May your arms be powerful. Now your powerful arms, receiving their strength from God, are neutralizing seditions of the international enemy of Islam one after another. And through your sacrifices, the way to Jerusalem is being opened via Karbala'.

O combative and heroic community! The brave army of Islam, in continuation of the Ramadan Operation and following last night's operations -- which began at 2100 -- are continuing their relentless battle against the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi forces in accordance with the Karbala' central headquarters and the planned program for the destruction of the enemy forces and advancing inside Iraqi territory. The brave forces of Islam bring great victories for Islam and the Muslim community.

The combatants of Islam, during their operations at 2215 last night, smashed the very strong defense lines of the enemy in the north and northwest of Az-Zayd garrison. After crossing the vast minefields and wide canals, which the defeated Saddamist (?forces) made to prevent their certain destruction, the combatants of Islam were able to advance 12-km deep inside Iraqi territory. This morning, after destroying enemy forces and inflicting many blows on them, the warriors of Islam reached the triangular fortresses victoriously. The enemy had created these fortresses by using the Israeli defense system similar to those made in the occupied territories in the Golan. The warriors of Islam, after an intense clash, occupied the fortresses in this operational axis and cleansed from them the filth of the Saddamists.

During these operations the self-sacrificing forces of Islam, comprising the brave warriors of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the brother guards and mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, destroyed a large number of the enemy forces. During these operations, the 50th Armored Brigade and the 12th Mechanized Brigade of the enemy were completely annihilated and all their arms and equipment were either destroyed or captured by the victorious forces of Islam.

The 2d battalion of the 20th Brigade, the 2d Battalion of the 16th Brigade and the 2d Battalion of the 26th Brigade were completely destroyed by the lovers of Hoseyn's Karbala' and with divine assistance. The personnel of these battalions were either killed, wounded or captured by the combatants of Islam.

In addition to the above-mentioned damages, major losses were inflicted on the 419th Infantry Brigade, the 16th and 3d Armored Brigades from the 6th Division, the 94th Infantry Brigade, the 55th Armored Brigade from the 5th Division, and the Saddam and Al-Bakr Battalions from the 42d Brigade.

During this liberating and victorious move launched by the combatants of Islam last night in continuation of defending the glorious Islamic revolution and for the purpose of destroying conspiracies of world arrogance, the defending forces of the Islamic revolution succeeded in liberating 150 square km of Iraqi territory and cleansed this area of the filth of the Saddamists. The forces of Islam also captured dozens of misled Saddamist mercenaries.

On the northern axis of the garrison, 60 tanks and personnel carriers of the enemy were destroyed during last night's operations. Detailed figures on the level of damages inflicted on the enemy will be brought to the attention of our community in our next communique.

This great victory, achieved through the self-sacrifices and prayers of our noble and martyr-rearing community is another major lesson to the aggressive forces of the Iraqi Ba'thist-Zionist regime to realize that the outcome of fighting against the truth is nothing but death, destruction and misery. It is also a good tiding to the suffering and oppressed people of Iraq, to join hands with combatants of Islam and rise for destruction and punishment of this inhumane and anti-Islamic Ba'thist-Zionist regime which rules Iraq.

Verily, the dawn is near. With hope for the Islamic combatants final victory and liberation of Jerusalem from occupying Zionism. With the assistance of God, victory is near.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Joint Communique 12

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[Joint Communique No 12 of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressors. Fight them until there is no more sedition and that religion will be wholly for God. [Koranic verse]

Peace and greetings to our great leader of the revolution and the commander in chief of the armed forces, His Holiness Imam Khomeyni. Greetings and peace to our martyr-nurturing Islamic nation which is lovingly treading along the path of God and whose heroic sons, selflessly and with acts of self-sacrifice, are engaged in destroying the strongholds of blasphemy and polytheism, in neutralizing the plots hatched by Islam's enemies and in realizing the aspirations of the magnificent Islamic revolution.

Following the victorious operations launched last night by the forces of Islam, their miraculous crossing of the enemy's defensive positions and their smashing of the Israeli-type defensive systems, Islam's combatants today succeeded in fully mopping up more than 150 square km of the liberated areas from the claws of the Zionist, Ba'thist regime of Iraq. They occupied the triangular strongholds existing on the operational axis north and north-west of the Zayd post and killed or captured the forces within these redoubts. The defeated enemy gathered his moribund forces and utilized fresh units in a desperate attempt to launch a counteroffensive in two phases, but both phases were met with vigilance and fierce fire from Islam's combatants, leaving behind a number of destroyed tanks and a number of dead and wounded. The enemy fled from the scene, retreating in the face of Islam's forces.

Islam's brave combatants, made up of the heroes of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the self-sacrificing guards and mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, during last night's operations on the axis north and north-west of the Zayd post, destroyed a great many enemy units, 125 tanks and armored personnel carriers of the aggressive Zionist, Ba'thist forces and captured intact 31 of their tanks and armored personnel carriers which were immediately put to use against the duped forces of the Zionist, Ba'thist reime of Iraq.

Also in the course of the clashes which took place today, heavy blows were delivered at the (Hammad Shihab) tank battalion of the 17th Brigade of the 10th Armored Division and the 2d Battalion of the 15th [name indistinct] Brigade; after losing half of their tanks these battalions fled from the forces of Islam.

During last night's and today's advancing operations by the self-sacrificing forces of Islam, extremely large numbers of the enemy's forces were either killed, wounded or captured so that by this afternoon, 114 of the Ba'thist dupes were moved behind the front. Among the POW's were a number of officers and NCO's whose names will be given in subsequent communiques. According to the POW's a number of high-ranking commanders of their forces who were seriously defeated by Islam's army and who resorted to a retreat were immediately executed on orders from Saddam.

We congratulate the holy great wish of God, the imam of the era -- may our lives be sacrificed for his cause -- and our great imam and our great Islamic nation. We beg Almighty God to keep us steadfast and resistant along His straight path in order to realize the aims of Islam, to establish God's religion and to destroy His enemies.

[communique not signed]

Joint Staff Communique 1,000

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[Communique No 1,000 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- number of communique as heard]

[Text] In His exalted name. O heroic, Muslim and combative 'ummah of Iran, the self-sacrificing combatants of Islam, determined, steadfast and strong, as always, are fighting against the Ba'thist mercenaries of Iraq, and in order to safeguard the Islamic revolution and homeland, by constantly relying on God's kindness and [words indistinct] faith and unity and the support and self-sacrifices of the Muslim people of Iran, are achieving outstanding victories on all battlefronts.

During last night's and this morning's operations, our brave and heroic combatants, with the weapon of faith and under the banner of "there is no god but God," in continuation of Operation Ramadan, with unsurpassed bravery in an all-round (?offensive), while destroying a large number of enemy forces inside Iraq, brought the forces of blasphemy to their knees on most of the fronts and deprived Saddam's mercenaries of energy and strength. The full details of those operations have been brought to the attention of the dear compatriots in a joint communique. Now the results of the efforts of the self-sacrificers of the scenes of the battle between right and truth against the mercenaries of the blasphemous and dark regime of Saddam in the western operational sectors are brought to your attention:

During the past 24 hours, clashes and exchanges of fire continued on the western fronts; the intensity of fire was heavier on the Meymak and Meharn Heights than in other sectors. Thanks to our forces' superior firepower, enemy deployments were prevented in the said sectors and a number of Ba'thist mercenaries were killed.

In the Paveh sector, by continuous artillery fire and maintaining their superiority, our combatants held the initiative and defended the relevant positions. The exchange of fire continued in the Marivan sector. Thanks to our forces' fire on enemy positions in the [name indistinct], (Tutmal) and (Panjwin) sectors, considerable damage was inflicted on enemy trenches and several Saddamists were killed or wounded.

Yesterday, the residential areas of Abadan were brought under long-range heavy weapons' fire; consequently, three of our compatriots in that city were wounded and a number of houses were wrecked. During the past 24 hours, thanks to the alertness and prompt action of the antiaircraft units of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, all aerial aggression against the western and southern fronts was repelled and the encroaching airplanes fled the scene.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran